

A Joint Resolution of thanks to General J. B. Magruder and others.

A Bill to incorporate the Goliad Aid Association.

A Bill appropriating \$20,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for recovering or repairing the roofs on the Capitol, the General Land Office, the Old Land Office, and the Treasury building.

A Joint Resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of the investigating of the Joint Committee on both Houses of the condition of the Penitentiary.

A Bill to incorporate the Caldwell County Mutual Aid Society.

A Bill supplemental to an act to punish speculation in certain cases.

A Bill to incorporate the Washington County Mutual Aid Association.

A Bill to punish persons who evade or assist in evading the conscript laws of the Confederate States of America.

A Bill to provide for the sale of lots in the City of Austin.

A Bill to suspend the corporate authority of the town of San Patricio.

A Bill to provide necessary assistance for families and other dependents of officers and soldiers.

Mr. Dickson offered the following: "**Resolved**, That the thanks of this Senate are hereby tendered to Lieutenant Governor John M. Crockett for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations at this extra session and in his retirement from the labors of the Session, he carries with him the warmest wishes of the Senate for his welfare." Adopted.

A message from the House announced the passage of the following bill from the Senate. A Bill to punish persons who evade or assist in evading the conscript laws.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, March 7, 1863

7 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Publisher of the *Almanac Extra* is hereby re-

quested to mail the *Almanac Extra* 3 copies to each member until the Legislative proceedings are finished publishing and the Secretary is hereby directed to approve his account so that it may be paid out of the contingent fund." Adopted.

Mr. Hord offered resolutions of sympathy relative to the decease of Honorable E. B. Scarborough, a member of the Senate, at the time of his death which were unanimously adopted. (Note: These resolutions have been mislaid. I think they were into the hand of the Printer and were never returned. Recorder.)

Messrs. Parsons and Dickson were appointed a committee to inform the House that the Senate is ready to adjourn *sine die*. Mr. Cone informed the Senate that the House is ready to adjourn.

The President then delivered the following valedictory address.

Honorable Senators

The labors of this extra session of the Legislature are over and it may be the last in which we ever unite. Permit me, gentlemen, to assure you that as Texas can justly boast of the chivalry of her sons and exalt in the glory they have won, so may she be equally proud of her legislature council, especially this branch.

Upon this session of the Legislature, there has been engaged by the force of public opinion, as well as by the appearance of great necessity, a species of legislation that has been extremely embarrassing. Difficulties of the greatest character, if not wholly insurmountable, were presented. You approached it under the influence of patriotic zeal inflamed by the most eloquent appeals from every part of our noble army including soldiers, officers, and commanders in chief; but you have disposed of the difficult subjects with that calm and dispassionate consideration that so much becomes the dignity of your position, and have perpetrated no hasty act that is likely to give you a pang of regret in the hours you devote to private business or social enjoyment.

Throughout the heated contests that were the natural and unavoidable results of the circumstances of the country, I am most happy to bear testimony that no breach of decorum what ever—not even by inadvertance—has occurred, to disturb for a single moment the equanimity of any mem-

ber or the progress of business. Indeed such has been the dignity of your department and the assiduity with which you have prosecuted your labors, that my position has been rendered one of pleasure instead of toil.

Gentlemen, your kind consideration of the humble manner in which I have attempted to discharge my duties will be long remembered and warmly cherished. For the indulgence and courtesy you have invariably shown me, I tender to you my grateful acknowledgments. And these sentiments of regard are equally due to the officers of the Senate who have shown me so much respect; and have discharged their duties with so much ability.

Hoping that you may reach home in safety without any serious inconvenience or delay and meet your families in health, and they and you may soon be made happy by the restoration of peace to the Country and the return of your loved ones in safety, I take my leave of you with sentiments of sincere regret.

The Senate then adjourned **Sine die**.